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Post 37 falls to unbeaten Bears

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BEAR GRASS - Windsor's Junior American Legion baseball team fell to unbeaten Bear Grass 12-2 in six innings on June 21.

The Post 37 Rebels took a 1-0 lead over their hosts in the top of the first inning.

Trenton White led off with a single to left field, stole second and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Zeb Winslow. White scored on a groundout by Wood Trowell.

It was all Bear Grass from that point.

The Bears took the lead for good with two runs in the bottom of the second inning.

The frame started when Windsor pitcher Alden Cottle hit Cody Morris.

Hunter Forbes singled to move Morris to second, and Beau Dickerson reached safely when his sacrifice bunt was erred - one of five defensive miscues by Post 37 on the evening.

Tanner Lyle grounded

out to plate Harrison to make it 2-1.

The Bears broke it open with six runs in the bottom of the fourth stanza.

Forbes reached on an error to begin the frame, and moved to second on a groundout by Dickerson.

Lyle walked, and Jordan Leggett smacked a double to left field that plated both runs.

Jordan Perry reached on an error to move Leggett to third, and a single by Lelon Stotesberry plated Leggett for a 5-1 lead. Craddock's single brought home Perry, and an error allowed Stotesberry to cross the plate, making it 7-1.

Craddock scored the final run of the frame on a passed ball.

Windsor tallied its other run in the top of the fifth inning.

White singled, stole second, went to third on a single by Winslow and scored on Cottle's fielder's choice, making it 8-2.

Bear Grass finished

off the Rebels with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The first two batters, Parker Boyd and Jordan Futrell, were hit by pitches from Windsor reliever Jarrett Burden.

Morris singled home Boyd, and Futrell scored on a single by Forbes.

Dickerson reached on an error that brought in Morris, and a double by Ty Johnson plated Dickerson with the final run.

Zack Griffin earned the win on the mound for Bear Grass. He went five innings and surrendered two runs on four hits while striking out three and walking three.

Morris toiled one inning of relief and allowed a hit and a walk with one strikeout.

Cottle suffered the loss for Windsor. He pitched 3.1 frames and gave up four hits and seven runs (only one run was earned). He walked one and struck out two.

Forbes and Craddock led Bear Grass with two hits each, while collect-



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Windsor Post 37 baserunner Zeb Winslow takes off for second base against Bear Grass.

ing one hit were Perry, Stotesberry, Morris, Johnson and Leggett.

White and Winslow Brooks had the other pair of hits each. James

FALCONS APPEAR IN RHS JAMBOREE

Bertie High School's Jaquan Baylor (No. 44 in light blue) looks for an outlet pass after grabbing a rebound against Riverside during the Riverside Summer Jamboree Tuesday morning in Williamston. The Falcons took the Knights to overtime before losing 42-40 on a three-pointer at the buzzer. Looking on for Bertie Quatavis Riddick (No. 20). The event, held at Riverside Middle School, featured girls teams from Riverside, Farmville Central and Pasquotank as well as boys teams from Bertie, Riverside and Infinite AAU. Bertie is coached by former Williamston basketball player Derrick Bond. More on the jamboree will appear in a future edition.

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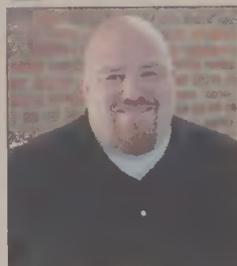
Warriors shouldn't be vilified for stance

There has been a significant amount of discussion recently regarding whether the Golden State Warriors will or should accept an invitation to the White House after their recent NBA title win.

It should be noted first and foremost that they have not yet been invited to the White House, and with the temperament of the current administration and the public debate surrounding the issue, I would honestly be more surprised if they do get invited than if they don't.

The Warriors' David West, Stephen Curry, Andre Iguodala and Shaun Livingston have

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all publicly said that they would decline an invitation to visit the White House while Donald Trump is president.

I have no issue with the Warriors declining to visit the White House, nor did I have any issue with the Clemson Tigers visiting the

White House. What I do have an issue with has been the public vilification of the Golden State Warriors by many in the media and public eye.

This is not a partisan issue, it's a black and white issue and that makes a lot of people very uncomfortable.

Race is a topic to most white people I know and an issue to most black people I know. Topics are things you choose whether to discuss and issues are things you experience.

It has been my experience that race is a topic most white people would prefer not be discussed and an issue most black people would prefer not be an

issue.

The problem with this is that race can never not be an issue so long as it is not discussed.

Many feel declining an invitation to the White House would do nothing to bring forth the conversation needed to create change. After all, if the players feel like the president has helped to promote an environment in this country that fosters racial hostility, how can they do anything about it if they don't show up?

Others feel that while you may not respect the person in office, you should respect the office itself and accepting an invitation, if given, would show support of

the office and institution.

These are valid arguments, arguments I don't fully agree with but valid arguments all the same. What I don't understand is why these feelings would give anyone the right to call the players jerks like Evan Grossman did in the NY Daily News a few weeks ago.

The players are not rioting, inciting violence, picketing, laying down in the road, marching, kneeling, raising their fist in the air or any of the other numerous things people have been criticized for doing over the decades in an effort to promote change.

They have said, when

asked, that they would not be likely to pose for a photo with a president they have moral issues against.

In my opinion, those that would knowingly accept public backlash instead of publicly supporting something or someone they feel morally obligated to oppose is commendable, if not heroic.

We need more heroes.

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